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OF
THE SELECTMEN AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
NEW IPSWICH, NH

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996



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COVER PICTURE

IN MEMORIAM



ANNABEL M. ALDRICH

August 16, 1939 - December 24, 1996

Annabel Aldrich served in many capacities in the Town of New Ipswich for over thirty years. She served as a Selectman, Supervisor of the Checklist, Mascenic School Board member, New Ipswich PTA President, and volunteered for numerous activities and groups. Annabel always gave 100% (plus) to whatever she did and she will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and worked with her.

Photo courtesy of Monadnock Ledger

COVER PICTURE

The Boston and Maine train came from Ayer to Greenville three times a day except Sunday.

Hollis Lougee met the train three times a day and brought passengers and mail to Bank Village, New Ipswich and Smith Village Post Offices for sixteen years until 1911. He is shown standing in front of his stage coach with his children Clifford and Ruth on the front seat. Arthur Greene, a passenger, is seen in the coach.

Bessie Thompson Cushing, Postmistress for many years, stands with Mary Knowlton in the doorway of the Post Office in the Old Corner Store building. The Post Office was located at the right of the other door. The post office was here in 1861 and remained until 1933. Mrs. Cushing also had yard goods and sewing materials for sale in the back part of the room. There was a grocery store in the other side of the building, not visible in the picture.

George Helsing, who owned the grocery store in 1933, became the Postmaster. At that time, he moved both the store and post office across the street where Pic-A-Deli is at present.

The Old Corner Store building was torn down in 1946 and is now the parking lot beside the Library.

Hazel E. Moore
Town Historian

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TOWN OFFICERS

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Jeffrey MacGillivray	November, 1998
Donald Carlson	November, 1998

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William A. Hefler, Chairman	March, 1998
George H. Lawrence	March, 1997
James E. Coffey	March, 1999
Linda Langille, Secretary	Appointed

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Jean Herrick, Chair	March, 1997
Carol Bonner	March, 1999
Catherine Oczkowski	Appointed
T. Scott Morris	Resigned
Joanne Meshna, Secretary	Appointed

TAX COLLECTOR

George K. Slyman, Sr.	March, 1999
Lucy Lemons, Deputy	Appointed

TOWN CLERK

Lucy Lemons	March, 1999
Cindy Lussier, Deputy	Appointed

MODERATOR

Matthew Glavey	March, 1998
Laurence Ackerson, Deputy	Appointed

AUDITOR

Laurence Ackerson	March, 1997
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TREASURER

Beverly Vaillancourt	March, 1998
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POLICE

Raymond D. Brodley, Chief	Appointed
Denise Lawler, Secretary	Appointed

FIRE

Rick Hewitt, Jr., Chief	March, 1997
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ROAD AGENT

Thomas Saari	Appointed
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Gladys Davidson	March, 2002
Renee Blanchette	March, 2000
Mildred Henault	March, 1998

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Gladys Davidson	March, 1997
Hazel Moore	March, 1999
James Coffey	Resigned
Mary Hall	Appointed

PLANNING BOARD

Donald Carlson, Chairman	March, 1998
Oiva Anderson	March, 1998
Nathaniel Ober	March, 1997
Edward Morrill	March, 1997
Ronald Ilomaki	March, 1999
Jeffrey MacGillivray	March, 1999
John Buffington, Alternate	
Elizabeth Freeman, Alternate	
George Lawrence, Selectmen's Member	
Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Douglas Waitt, Chairman	March, 1997
Jim Coffey	March, 1997
David Cotzin	March, 1998
Sarah Hefler	March, 1999
James Shildneck	Resigned
Jeanne Cunningham	Resigned
Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bob Boynton, Chairman	1997
David Howard	1997
Tim Daisy	1998
Dana McKenney	1998
Harvey Green	1999
John Poltrack	1999
Karen Simms	1999
Stanley Kellogg, Alternate	1997
Nat Ober, Alternate	1997
Carolyn Mercer-McFadden, Alternate	1998
Helen Williams, Alternate	1998
Dixie Rhoads, Alternate	Resigned
Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary	1999
Mary Jane Grasty, Associate	
Becky Nussdorfer, Associate	

HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Selectmen

WELFARE OFFICER

George H. Lawrence	Appointed
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Greg Cain	Appointed
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BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

George H. Lawrence	Appointed
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POOL

Grace Shaw

Resigned

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

James Coffey, Chairman
William Thoms
Nathaniel Ober

1999
1997
1998

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William Edmonds, Director

Appointed

STEARNS-BURTON LECTURE

Beverly Vaillancourt
Elizabeth Thoms
Kathy Gauvin

Appointed
Appointed
Appointed

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

William Edmonds, Co-Chairman
David Leel, Co-Chairman
George Leel, Jr.
Bob Boynton
Dixie Rhoads
Hazel Cotzin
Ken Desrosiers
Pilar Hughes

Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Denise Lawler, Secretary
Paul Tibbetts
Rick Hewitt
George Leel
Joanne Meshna
Grace Shaw

Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Appointed
Resigned

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

George Slyman, Jr., Chairman	March, 1997
Raymond Aho	March, 1997
Brian Somero	March, 1998
William Hefler	March, 1997
Marcia Ober	March, 1998

2000 COMMITTEE / NI 250th ANNIVERSARY

Hazel Cotzin, Co-Chairman	Appointed
Mikko Salokangas, Co-Chairman	Appointed
Hazel Moore, Honorary	

PARKS AND RECREATION

Tony Haigh, Chairman	Appointed
Kevin Lennon	Appointed
Grace Shaw	Appointed
Dixie Rhoads	Appointed
Doug Sharp	Appointed
Brenda Salmonson	Appointed
Cindy Haigh	Appointed
Tony Gautreau	Appointed
Chuck Langille, Sr.	Appointed

1997 TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Mascenic Regional High School Auditorium in said New Ipswich on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing:

- 1 Selectman (3 year term)
- 1 Assessor (3 year term)
- 1 Assessor (1 year term)
- 1 Auditor (1 year term)
- 1 Fire Chief (1 year term)
- 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 year term)
- 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (1 year term)
- 2 Planning Board (3 year term)
- 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 year term)

Ballot Question #1

Are you in favor of eliminating the Board of Assessors as elected officers and return the assessing authority to the Board of Selectmen? (To take effect March 1998)

Yes _____ No _____

Ballot Question #2

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Ipswich, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$40,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$80,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married a combined net income of less than \$26,500, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

Yes _____ No _____

Ballot Question #3

Are you in favor of having Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service bill for services to help reduce the requested budget to the town?

Yes _____

No _____

The Town Meeting will be adjourned until Saturday the fifteenth (15th) day of March, 1997, 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon at Mascenic Regional High School Auditorium to act upon the remaining articles:

- Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,155,706 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include articles addressed. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee).
- Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the town through Tax Collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or may be otherwise disposed of as the justice may require, pursuant to RSA 80:80.
- Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any Federal and State grants available and to further authorize the Selectmen to expend the funds for the purpose stated.
- Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, any and all gifts, legacies and devises during the year, and to create trust funds for the care and maintenance of the town cemeteries.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts of real estate and personal property, other than cash, to the town for any public purposes.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-nine thousand six hundred forty dollars (\$89,640) for the purpose of resealing, paving and reconstruction of town roads. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or in two years, whichever is less. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$93,500) to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds previously established, as directed below: (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

Highway Equipment	\$ 10,000
Fire Truck	20,000
Police Cruiser	11,500
Landfill Closure	35,000
Revaluation	15,000
Pool	2,000

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$10,296) for supporting the following health services as divided below: (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

St. Joseph Community Service	\$ 975
Home Health Care & Community Service	4,500
Monadnock Family Health	4,021
Milford Mediation Program	800

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the replacement of the firefighter turnout gear which meets NFPA standards. (This is the third year of a four year plan to replace all department gear). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the support of the New Ipswich Library. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$20,450) for the purchase and equipping of a police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$20,450) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) for the purchase and equipping of a loader and to authorize the use of the December 31, 1996 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) for the purchase and equipping of a highway pick up truck and to authorize the use of the December 31, 1996 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the installation of an emergency generator, already obtained by the fire department through a donation, and to upgrade the electrical in the Fire Station to meet code. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the demolition and removal of

the building on the property formerly known as B & J Variety, taken by tax deed. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of hiring a consultant to reassess the public utilities in town. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or in two years, whichever is less. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a Year 2000/NI 250 Anniversary Celebration and raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed into this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) and to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of studying the sources or potential sources of groundwater pollution within the Central Village District and its surrounding area. If any pollution is found, the committee will recommend possible remedies or preventative actions which the town should take action on now or at some specific future time to protect the health and well being of residents of the area and the town.

The Committee shall consist of five (5) members as follows: one (1) member from the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member from the Planning Board, one (1) member from the Conservation Commission, two (2) members appointed by the Moderator. The committee will report back to the Town and the Selectmen by December 31, 1997. (Recommended by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)

- Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police cruiser. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the fire department to enter a district fire mutual aid system pursuant to RSA 154:30-a, which will allow the fire department to go to the aid of another city or town, in accordance with provisions of RSA 154:24. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee)
- Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the support of Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Given under our hands and seal this fourth day of February, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Board of Selectmen,
William A. Hefler, Chairman
George H. Lawrence
James E. Coffey

BUDGET 1996 - 1997

DEPARTMENT	1996 APPROP	1996 EXPENDED	1997 REQUESTED**
Town Office	\$ 80,245	\$ 80,544	\$ 83,506
Moderator	365	423	197
Town Clerk	23,261	23,840	24,292
Elections	6,858	5,790	1,500
Vital Statistics	2,000	1,132	1,500
Trust Funds	1,120	1,003	1,120
Audit	6,465	6,426	6,327
Assessing	8,272	6,363	8,272
Tax Collecting	43,291	40,963	33,580
Treasury	5,598	5,598	5,598
Legal	11,200	9,053	9,000
Employee Benefits	57,400	63,168	58,858
Planning	8,510	7,749	7,955
Zoning	1,050	869	1,050
General Govt. Bldgs.	3,000	2,180	3,000
Cemeteries	8,500	8,218	8,491
Insurance	71,400	64,763	67,000
Regional Assoc.	5,800	5,780	5,894
Police	227,108	233,576	210,941
Ambulance	43,710	39,247	26,750
Fire	66,805	62,166	60,104
Building Permit	300	308	300
Emergency Management	1,200	1,337	1,200
Communications	74,370	62,493	17,000
Highway	285,000	307,484	295,377
Street Lighting	27,000	25,677	24,547
Landfill/Recycling	47,500	40,761	45,340
Animal Control	9,102	8,823	8,956
Health	100	40	100
Welfare	25,000	24,779	25,000
Parks and Recreation	40,510	36,431	37,500
Patriotic Purposes	1,200	959	1,200
Conservation	2,293	2,421	2,693
Tree Warden	1,490	1,137	1,842
Princ Notes/Bonds	25,000	25,000	25,000
Interest Notes/Bonds	11,830	11,830	9,716
Interest TAN	<u>40,000</u>	<u>30,664</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Sub-total	\$1,273,853	\$1,248,995	\$1,155,706
Warrant Articles	237,060	227,377	355,636*
Less Revenues	<u>802,373</u>		<u>907,238</u>
Total To Be Raised	\$ 708,540		\$ 604,104

*Includes only warrant articles recommended by Selectmen

**Recommended by Selectmen & Finance Advisory Committee

REVENUES 1996 - 1997

SOURCE	1996 ESTIMATE	1996 ACTUAL	1997 ESTIMATE
Land Use Tax	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,370	\$ 7,000
Yield Tax	5,000	5,727	4,000
Payment in Lieu Taxes	1,202	1,202	1,202
Interest & Penalties	100,000	166,830	125,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	300,000	348,436	330,000
Building Permits	1,800	2,172	3,000
Misc. Permits	20,000	23,596	21,000
Shared Revenue	67,354	67,354	67,000
Highway Block Grant	82,030	82,030	89,640
State/Federal Land	218	218	218
COPS Grant	22,600	22,602	19,578
FEMA	0	6,514	0
Departments	48,000	61,587	50,000
Sale Town Property	500	210	150
Sale Deeded Property	82,000	84,000	30,000
Rent Town Property	3,000	3,000	500
Interest on Investments	40,000	51,242	45,000
Capital Reserve Funds	3,750	3,750	20,450
Trust Funds	3,000	9,792	5,000
Use of Fund Balance	919	919	89,500
Surplus	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$ 802,373	\$ 961,551	\$ 907,238

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION DECEMBER 31, 1996

Land	\$ 52,052,160
Buildings	122,883,800
Public Utilities	2,044,606
Less Total Exemptions Allowed	<u>(3,490,000)</u>
Net Valuation	\$173,490,566

TAXES COMMITTED TO TAX COLLECTOR:

Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 4,729,353
Less War Service Tax Credits	<u>30,500</u>
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$ 4,698,853

TAX RATE 1996

\$27.26 PER 1,000

Town	\$ 4.32
County	1.73
School	21.21

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 1996

The polls were declared open at 9:00 a.m. by the Town Moderator, Matthew Glavey.

Article 1. The results of the Town Election are as follows:

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS:

Annabel M. Aldrich.....	336 votes
James E. Coffey.....	525 votes

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS:

Matthew W. Glavey.....	775 votes
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SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS:

Gladys C. Davidson.....	754 votes
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TOWN CLERK FOR THREE YEARS:

Lucy Lemons.....	485 votes
Roger Somero.....	390 votes

AUDITOR FOR ONE YEAR:

Laurence P. Ackerson.....	762 votes
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS:

Hazel E. Moore.....	776 votes
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TAX COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS:

Lucy Lemons.....	396 votes
George K. Slyman, Sr.....	495 votes

BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR THREE YEARS:

Carol Bonner.....	715 votes
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PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (Vote for Two):

Ronald W. Ilomaki.....	484 votes
Jeffrey C. MacGillivray.....	392 votes

PLANNING BOARD FOR ONE YEAR:

Nat Ober.....	454 votes
Roger Somero.....	392 votes

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS:

James Coffey.....	718 votes
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FIRE CHIEF FOR ONE YEAR:

Rick Hewitt Jr.....	769 votes
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS:

Barbara Carlson.....653 votes
Linda Kivela.....567 votes

BALLOT QUESTION #1. "Are you in favor of repealing the existing Zoning Ordinance in its entirety as proposed by petition of the voters of the Town of New Ipswich pursuant to the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 676:4?

Yes.....289
No.....595

SCHOOL BALLOT QUESTION: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District?

Yes.....653
No.....215

The Town Meeting commenced on Saturday the sixteenth (16th) day of March 1996, at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon:

Oath of office was administered by Matthew Glavey, Moderator, to the newly elected officers.

Article 2. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,273,853 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles addressed.

Yes.....105 votes
No.....61 votes

Article 3. Affirmative vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the town through Tax Collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require, pursuant to RSA 80:80.

Article 4. Affirmative vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any Federal and State grants available and to further authorize the Selectmen to expend the funds for the purpose stated.

Article 5. Affirmative vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town any and all gifts, legacies and devices during the year, and to create trust funds for the care and maintenance of the Town Cemeteries.

Article 6. Affirmative vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts of real estate and personal property, other than cash, to the Town for any public purpose.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) for the purchase and/or construction of a building for the purpose of storing sand/salt for the Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes per RSA 33 not to exceed the amount of One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) and to authorize the bonds and notes to determine the rate of interest thereon for a five year period.
This article was indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty two thousand thirty dollars (\$82,030) for the purpose of resealing, paving and reconstruction of town roads. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or in two years, whichever is less.

Article 9. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-two thousand dollars (\$92,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds, as divided below:

Highway Equipment	\$10,000
Police Cruiser	10,000
Fire Truck	20,000
Landfill Closure	35,000
Revaluation	15,000
Pool	2,000

Article 10. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand three hundred sixty-one dollars (\$10,361) for the purpose of supporting the following health services:

St. Joseph Community Service	\$ 1,040
Home Health Care & Community	4,500
Monadnock Family Health	4,021
Milford Mediation	800

Article 11. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the support of the New Ipswich Library.

Article 12. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the replacement of the firefighters turnout gear which meets NFPA Standards. (This is the second year of a four year plan to replace all department gear).

Article 13. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator for the Fire Station.

Yes.....75

No.....83

Article 14. Negative vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of personal protective equipment for firefighters and to raise and appropriate the sum of the five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed into this fund.

Article 15. Affirmative vote, as amended, to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of repairing or replacing the roof of the highway garage.

Article 16. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750) for the purchase of a filter motor and pump for the Town Pool and to authorize the withdrawal of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750) from the Pool Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Article 17. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of resurfacing the tennis court and basketball court at the Memorial Field.

Article 18. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of conducting water testing at the landfill. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the testing has been completed or two years, whichever is less.

Article 19. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of nine hundred nineteen dollars (\$919) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the transfer of such sum from the December 31, 1995 fund balance.

Article 20. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase of professional grade mower to cut the grass and light brush at the cemeteries.

Article 21. Vote to acquire all or any portion of the former Seppala and Aho property as amended, situated on Route 124 now owned by Alyward-Dill Trust for the purpose of locating the Town Office building thereon, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the town and no agreements, contracts, or other documents may be signed and no money may be appropriated until the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Resources, issues a site closure document. This is a special warrant article and shall not lapse until seven (7) days after the Annual Town Meeting of March 1997.

This article was indefinitely postponed as amended.

Yes.....78
No.....60

Article 22. Negative vote to change the term of the Tax Collector from three (3) years to one (1) year, beginning at the end of the three (3) year term of the Tax Collector elected this year.

Article 23. Affirmative vote to accept any of the recommendations proposed by the 1808 House Study Committee in their 1995 report.

Article 24. Affirmative vote as amended, to urge our Representative to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United State Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process of the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not limited to the following: 1). Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to Political Parties); 2). Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic

makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter; 3). Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures; 4). Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees, to balance inequities between credible candidate, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. by Matthew Glavey, Moderator.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT **1996 - 1997**

	1996 APPROP.	1996 EXPEND	1996 BALANCE	1997 REQUESTED
Town Office	\$ 80,245	\$ 80,544	\$ (299)	\$ 83,506
Moderator	365	423	(58)	197
Town Clerk	23,261	23,840	(579)	24,292
Elections	6,858	5,790	1,068	1,500
Vital Statistics	2,000	1,132	868	1,500
Trust Funds	1,120	1,003	117	1,120
Audit	6,465	6,426	39	6,327
Assessing	8,272	6,363	1,909	8,272
Tax Collecting	43,291	40,963	2,328	33,580
Treasury	5,598	5,598	0	5,598
Legal	11,200	9,053	2,147	9,000
Employee Benef.	57,400	63,168	(5,768)	58,858
Planning	8,510	7,749	761	7,955
Zoning	1,050	869	181	1,050
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	3,000	2,180	820	3,000
Cemeteries	8,500	8,218	282	8,491
Insurance	71,400	64,763	6,637	67,000
Reg. Assoc.	5,800	5,780	20	5,894
Police	227,108	233,576	(6,468)	210,941
Ambulance	43,710	39,247	4,463	26,750
Fire	66,805	62,166	4,639	60,104
Bldg. Permits	300	308	(8)	300
Emergency Mgt.	1,200	1,337	(137)	1,200
Communications	74,370	62,493	11,877	17,000
Highway	285,000	307,484	(22,484)	295,377
Street Lighting	27,000	25,677	1,323	24,547
Landfill	47,500	40,761	6,739	45,340
Animal Control	9,102	8,823	279	8,956
Health	100	40	60	100
Welfare	25,000	24,779	221	25,000
Parks & Rec.	40,510	36,431	4,079	37,500
Patriotic	1,200	959	241	1,200
Conservation	2,293	2,421	(128)	2,693
Tree Warden	1,490	1,137	353	1,842
Princ. Bonds	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
Interest Bonds	11,830	11,830	0	9,716
Interest TAN	40,000	30,664	9,336	35,000
Articles	<u>237,060</u>	<u>227,377</u>	<u>9,683</u>	<u>354,886</u>
Subtotal	1,510,913	1,476,372	34,541	1,510,592
Less Revenues	<u>802,373</u>			<u>907,238</u>
Total	\$ 708,540			\$ 603,354

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

LANDFILL BOND
DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
1/15/96		4,842.50
7/15/96	10,000	4,842.50
1/15/97		4,490.00
7/15/97	10,000	4,490.00
1/15/98		4,137.50
7/15/98	10,000	4,137.50
1/15/99		3,785.00
7/15/99	10,000	3,785.00
1/15/00		3,427.50
7/15/00	10,000	3,427.50
1/15/01		3,065.00
7/15/01	10,000	3,065.00
1/15/02		2,697.50
7/15/02	10,000	2,697.50
1/15/03		2,325.00
7/15/03	10,000	2,325.00
1/15/04		1,947.50
7/15/04	10,000	1,947.50
1/15/05		1,565.00
7/15/05	10,000	1,565.00
1/15/06		1,177.50
7/15/06	10,000	1,177.50
1/15/07		785.00
7/15/07	10,000	785.00
1/15/08		392.00
7/15/08		392.00

POOL/FIRE TRUCK BOND

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
1/15/96		1,072.50
7/15/96	15,000	1,072.50
1/15/97		543.75
7/15/97	15,000	543.75

TOWN AUDITOR

As your Town Auditor, I am pleased to report that 1996 reflected one of the most effective and efficient operations relative to functions in the Town Office that I have detected during the many years that I have been associated with the office as Town Auditor.

All the personnel involved in this endeavor contributed to this result by their willingness and desire to learn and adapt new and more effective accounting procedures to their particular duty as an elected or appointed position, which in my mind allowed for this favorable and productive atmosphere. Our professional auditors conducted a preliminary or test audit in December and echoed this reality by reporting that "everything was fine."

As your Town Auditor I continued to check cash flows at the end of each month and also reviewed the trial balance.

I thank you for the confidence you have allowed me by once again electing me as your Town Auditor and I sincerely hope that I was worthy of this trust.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Ackerson, Town Auditor

AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of New Ipswich for the year ending December 31, 1995, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial

statements of the Town of New Ipswich as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of New Ipswich has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Ipswich, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of New Ipswich. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Submitted by,
Plodzick and Sanderson Professional Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1996 \$1,272,599.02

Income from:	Tax Collector	4,927,152.59
	Tax Sale	495,371.91
	Town Clerk	360,778.28
	Town Clerk Mun Fees	8,807.00
	Trustees of Trust Fund	13,070.60
	Other Departments	453,516.72
	Tax Antic Note	1,000,000.00

7,258,679.10

Interest Earned:

CFX Bank	7,061.09
Citizens Bank	2,660.60
NHDIP	20,614.92
TIA Account	20,905.83

51,242.44

Collected check 95	4,174.16
Service charges 96	45.00
Less uncollected check	(8.00)
Service Charges & Fees 96	285.00
Deposit Slips & Service Charge	(50.96)
Wire Transfer Fees	(120.00)
Rent & checks orders	25.00

4,350.20

Less bills paid	2,534,535.36
Tax Sale	495,371.91
Paid to Hillsborough County	304,013.00
Paid to Mascenic School District	3,820,210.61

(7,154,130.88)

Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1996

\$1,433,757.88

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CFX Bank	399,676.94
Citizens Bank	76,855.40
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	566,996.70
T I A Account	390,228.84

Total

\$1,433,757.88

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Petty Cash:	Town Office	103.34
	Tax Collector	100.00
	Police	50.00
	Landfill	<u>10.00</u>

Total	263.34
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TAX COLLECTOR

Since this is my first opportunity to do so in writing, I want to thank the voters for supporting my campaign and extending their trust and confidence in me.

This was a very challenging year for me. Familiarizing myself with, and meeting those very important "deadlines" for sending a variety of legal notices, lien executions, deeding, and of course tax bills was the first priority. Additionally, attending training courses and seminars for "new" tax collectors, put on by the N.H. Tax Collectors Association and the Department of Revenue for N.H. was another priority. Last but not least, implementing the changes that I promised during my campaign, namely to improve service to you, the taxpayer, and speeding up the collection of more "past due" taxes, made this year a very full and rewarding one.

The collection of past due taxes met with moderate success and had a direct relationship to the amount of time allocated to contacting the companies or people involved. Because of the ground work already laid, we will see a steady improvement as time goes on. In addition many people who have fallen behind on their taxes for a variety of reasons, have contacted me in an effort to establish some sort of a payment schedule with whatever amounts would fit "comfortably" in their budget on a weekly or monthly basis. If these agreements are kept, it will eventually cut down on the amount of money the town will have to borrow in order to meet its obligations.

Another of the more significant changes was the addition of hours for taxpayer convenience. The Thursday evening hours until 8:00 p.m. (pay day for many) was widely accepted and commented on positively as was the Saturday hours during tax time, especially for those working out of the area who wanted to "discuss" their taxes instead of just writing a check. The addition of Thursday nights now makes two (2) nights a week that you can come in to pay and/or discuss taxes since Lucy Lemons kindly agreed to be the Deputy Tax Collector and has hours for vehicle registration on Monday nights. She will also accept taxes at that time.

In closing, I want to extend sincere thanks to the office staff of the other departments at the Town Office for making the transition an easy one. I especially want to thank Lucy Lemons for her assistance during the transition period and I also want to thank both Linda Langille and Joanne Meshna for their help in getting the thousands of tax bills and many other pieces of mail postmarked and out in time to make those critical deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
George K. Slyman, Sr.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DEBITS

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:		
Property Taxes		735,471.72
Land Use Change		810.00
Yield Taxes		1,148.85
 Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	4,721,090.74	
Land Use Change	8,370.00	
Yield Taxes	5,089.67	
Supplemental Warrants (added Property Tax)	3,181.44	
 Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	10,905.75	19,728.43
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	6,993.59	53,651.56
 TOTAL DEBITS	 \$4,755,631.19	 \$810,810.56

CREDITS

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	4,053,804.39	726,679.21
Land Use Change	6,721.00	810.00
Yield Taxes	4,242.60	1,148.85
Interest	6,993.59	53,651.56
Penalties	8,139.95	3,310.10
Discounts Allowed:		
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	12,199.02	25,207.84
Land Use Change	1,649.00	
Curr. Levy Deeded	918.66	
Adj.	.07	
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	660,115.91	
Yield Taxes	847.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,755,631.19	\$810,810.56

DEBITS

Levies of:

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Begin. of Fiscal Year		330,809.26	245,279.55
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	495,368.27		
Interest & Costs Coll. After Lien Execution	10,125.98	30,081.78	63,989.15
TOTAL DEBITS	\$505,494.25	\$330,891.04	\$309,268.70

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:

Redemptions	155,480.39	133,696.56	157,371.50
Int./Costs (After Lien Execution)	10,125.98	30,081.78	63,989.15
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	2,042.58	1,139.46	
Liens Deeded to Town	1,072.83	1,1016.61	966.13
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	336,772.47	164,956.63	86,941.92
TOTAL CREDITS	\$505,494.25	\$330,891.04	\$309,268.70

**TAX COLLECTOR'S
UNCOLLECTED TAX LIENS
AS OF 12/31/96**

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>PRIOR</u>
97 Eddy Associates	9,865.25		
Adams, Kenneth	1,712.45	26.57	
Aho, Calvin	72.61		
Aho, Raymond M.	5,839.63	2,502.39	
Aho, Richard C.	7,689.22	4,897.95	
Aho, Richard C.	778.24	1,530.62	
Aho, Richard C.	100.94	959.91	
Appleton Business Center	18,301.39		
Barry, David	1,030.09	496.54	
Barry, Peter	3,797.23	310.10	
Bernier, Ronald E.	2,132.96		
Beyer, Seth	4,503.12	2,220.46	
Bradler, Geraldine	647.08	612.52	
Bradler, Geraldine	968.63	906.94	
Bradler, Geraldine	4,766.12	4,327.14	
Braffitt, Peter	648.55		
Brown, Carol	1.16		
Crowley, Thomas Guy	46.45		
Digman, Marilyn	5,254.83	5,010.78	
Dill, Trustee, Richard E.	41,248.67	39,056.07	77,956.41
Dill, Trustee, Richard E.	75.64		
Douglas, Norman & Priscilla	4,889.10		
Dubois, Valerie	1,494.61	1,414.77	
Duthie, James E.	2,988.07		
Freeman, Janice	2,468.18		
Gautreau, Michael A.	2,158.77		
Gordon, Shirley	1,263.41	1,872.83	
Grant, Richard S.	492.29		
Gray, Jeffrey L.	1,395.96	1,321.53	
Haigh, George	8,285.01	2,293.95	
Hart, Jodie L.	1,572.03		
Hayes, Adams Ltd.	13,266.51		
Hayes, John	3,644.78		
Hill, Pamela A.	1,821.72		
Hollenbeck, Annette	865.24	820.37	949.21
Hoyt, Richard	944.61	16.83	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,060.22		
Ilomaki, Ronald	681.69		
Ilomaki, Ronald	993.06		
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,038.85		
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,006.26		
Ilomaki, Ronald	990.00		
Ilomaki, Ronald	996.11		

Ilomaki, Ronald	5,040.86	
Ilomaki, Ronald	990.00	
Ilomaki, Ronald	983.90	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,035.79	
Ilomaki, Ronald	990.00	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,008.32	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,020.53	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,057.16	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,026.63	
Ilomaki, Ronald	980.85	
Ilomaki, Ronald	983.90	
Ilomaki, Ronald	983.90	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,020.53	
Ilomaki, Ronald	986.95	
Ilomaki, Ronald	1,020.53	
Joaquin, Stuart	2,459.42	1,572.89
Karlson, Ronald E.	3,837.30	380.08
King, Duane S.	83.76	81.59
Kouropoulos, Stephen J.	828.61	785.74
Kouropoulos, Stephen J.	36.33	31.57
Kouropoulos, Stephen J.	252.69	239.67
L.T.C. Properties	5,335.39	4,997.18
Labelle, Felix	1,874.53	
LaPrade, Lawrence R.	2,319.50	
Lawson Realty Trust	1,238.76	1,169.65
Leger, Alyssa	2,316.88	1,542.25
Leighton III, Edgar	1,241.83	1,174.43
Lossen Financial Inc.	7,413.82	5,277.82
Lussier Sr., Richard	927.92	
Mahoney, Scott P.	702.03	
Mahoney, William M.	1,176.27	
Maki, Julie A.	2,538.11	443.43
Mansfield-Atkinson, Sylvia	19.99	
Mercer, Warner	26.69	
Mertz, Paul	1,011.77	948.32
Mirkovich, Reinhard W.	4,583.04	
Misner, Margaret E.	1,529.30	2,893.77
Monadnock Construction Co.	1,007.57	
Moore, David	1,166.42	
Moore, David W.	274.04	
Murto, Steven W.	13,846.71	13,092.01
Nelson, Daniel R.	3,331.77	3,089.31
Newton, Bryan	3,088.26	2,893.38
Niskala, Alan R.	1,663.04	
Ouellette, Richard A.	1,235.37	
Packard, Stephen J.	167.81	160.47
Packard, Stephen J.	123.06	116.55
Packard, Stephen J.	2,025.57	2,835.02
Packard, Stephen J.	165.79	156.95
Packard, Stephen J.	66.52	1,143.92
Parhiala, Clifford	1,166.03	

Parhiala, Irena C.	2,598.13	2,458.02	
Pilitsis, Angelos	876.03		
Redling, Nancy	1,593.24	1,508.05	
Redling, Nancy	1,683.25	1,921.94	
Reheuser, Gregory	2,024.59		
Richard, Ulysse	505.83		
Rodier, Gerald	1,031.60	952.21	
Secured Financial Corp.	920.20		
Secured Financial Corp.	774.70		
Secured Financial Corp.	808.27		
Secured Financial Corp.	789.96		
Secured Financial Corp.	899.85		
Secured Financial Corp.	823.54		
Secured Financial Corp.	1,012.80		
Secured Financial Corp.	799.11		
Shaw, Jane B.	764.51	725.14	
Shaw, Jane B.	4,355.72		
Shooman, Celia	40.46	39.51	
Shooman, Celia	18.63	16.61	
Shooman, Celia	9.17	8.44	
Shooman, Celia	858.74	812.04	
Somero, Jay	2,034.74	2,065.14	
Somero, Jay	61.47		
St. Pierre, Albert	1,926.14	1,084.15	
Stacy, David	4,781.74		
Timberland Design, Inc.	4,623.33	4,361.63	
Tuttle, Natalina	2,508.73	2,373.52	
Tuttle, Nathan	6,465.42	6,419.90	5,110.82
Tuttle, Patricia	950.72	890.60	
Underhill, Matthew	856.09	805.59	
Vaillancourt, Edward R.	1,112.51	1,054.12	31.71
Vaillancourt, Gerard P.	1,440.77		
Vaillancourt, Maurice J.	1,544.56		
Vaillancourt, Ronald	36.47		
Vaillancourt, Ronald	886.22	867.51	
Vaillancourt, Ronald	12,654.15	11,963.00	
Vaillancourt, Ronald J.	2,582.46		
Vaillancourt, Ronald J.	4,021.28	3,381.30	
Walker's Mill Realty Trust	4,123.97	3,891.13	
Walker, Edwin	917.81	748.51	
Watkinson Jr., William J.	143.62		
Wheeler, Pamela M.	2,282.75		
White Jr., Andrell B.	886.61	840.58	
Whitney, Margaret L.	2,735.09	2,587.49	
	336,772.47	164,956.63	86,941.92

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

	TOTAL RECEIPTS	SUBMITTED TO TREASURER
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$349,305.00	\$349,305.00
Title Applications	1,580.00	1,580.00
Dog Licenses	5,905.50	5,905.50
A.C. Civil Forfeiture Fees	510.00	510.00
Marriage Licenses	1,125.00	1,125.00
Certified Vital Records	471.00	471.00
Filing Fees	36.00	36.00
U.C.C. Filing Fees	1,820.78	1,820.78
Utility Fees Pole Licenses	10.00	10.00
Dredge and Fill Fee	10.00	10.00
Recording Fee	5.00	5.00
Municipal Agent Fee	<u>8,807.00</u>	<u>8,807.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$369,585.28	\$369,585.28
Less Refunds	<u>869.00</u>	
Total Revenue	\$368,716.28	

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Lemons, Town Clerk

MUNICIPAL AGENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Total Receipts	\$ 8,807.00
Submitted to Treasurer	\$ 8,807.00

A total of 4,211 number plates and decals were processed through the Town Clerk's office in 1996.

I want to thank the townspeople for taking advantage of this service.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Lemons, Municipal Agent

Report of The Trust Funds of the City or Town of

NEW ISHACH on December 31, 19 96

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(June 30, 19)

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank deposit, stocks, bonds, etc. (if common trust, so state)</small>	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Balance End Year
									Percent	Amount	
1-100-1999 Cemetery Funds	Demetery	Maintenance	Various Rcs	31816.11				31816.11		2404.46	34220.57
5-15-57 NI Cemetery Funds	Maintenance		DPX					4827.35		1800.00	5142.20
3-4-77 Town Bond	Cemetery		"	296.08				296.08		20.32	480.02
1824 Ministerial Fd	Churches		"	1315.68				1315.68		35.39	1315.68
School Fund	School		"	1351.72				1351.72		36.35	1351.72
Jonas Natting	Flags		"	172.53				172.53		4.94	191.47
8-19-25 E. I. Barrett	Selectmen		"	3000.00				3000.00		84.13	3213.10
1-3-63 Frances J. Burton	Lectures		"					17542.08		1656.76	18548.84
1-3-53 Frances J. Burton	Lectures		Parisian Fnd	3000.00				3000.00			3000.00
1-27-77 Stearns Fnd	"		DPX	1000.00				1000.00		2120.37	18423.41
1-17-77 Stearns Fnd	"		Parisian Fnd	3000.00				3000.00			3000.00
1-3-53 Stearns Fnd	"		Keystone	3000.00				3000.00			3000.00
1-3-63 Socialism Fnd	School		Parisian Fnd	2000.00				2000.00			2000.00
1-3-53 Socialism Fnd	"		DPX	3000.00				3000.00		1455.33	3000.00
1-3-63 Socialism Fnd	"		Keystone	5000.00				5000.00			5000.00
7-1-73 NI General Trust	General Fd		Various Rcs	125000.00				125000.00		7096.48	125000.00
7-1-3 Porter Leonard	Religious		DPX	705.75				705.75		18.60	817.03
4-14-91 Town of NI	Fire Truck		DPX	4234.64				4234.64		224.63	4500.42
3-31-63 Town of NI	Fire Truck		"	20000.00	21208.19			41208.19		1611.37	42819.52
4-3-36 Town of NI	Police Car		"	919.00				919.00		35.70	954.70
2-12-73 Town of NI	Police Car		"	10395.07	10604.07			21599.4		832.42	22431.56
3-31-26 Town of NI	Highway Equip		"	11097.59	10604.07			21701.66		1026.13	22727.79
3-2-24 Town of NI	Landfill		"	73791.30	36077.88			109869.18		4293.36	114162.54
2-23-24 Town of NI	Revaluation		"	26309.21	15734.30			41543.51		1633.75	43322.26
3-23-95 Town of NI	Recreation		"	16863.24	2241.35			15324.59		665.43	16020.02
				3750.00							
				3750.00	440287.78	48547.32		27365.67		15067.86	60845.13
				347917.92	96119.86						501332.91

1996 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
TOWN OFFICE		
Salaries	\$ 44,075.00	\$ 43,069.85
FICA	2,830.00	2,726.00
Medicare	670.00	629.65
Training/Seminars	500.00	441.00
Travel	100.00	55.72
Telephone - Town Office	2,500.00	3,851.29
Telephone - Library	350.00	616.76
Data Processing	2,000.00	2,065.00
Cleaning Service	1,820.00	1,905.00
Notices	150.00	688.15
Electricity - Town Hall	350.00	244.04
Electricity - Town Office	2,500.00	2,483.08
Heat	600.00	299.49
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	1,370.94
Equipment Repair	100.00	100.00
Equipment Leasing	1,000.00	1,532.80
Office Rent	12,000.00	12,000.00
Safe Deposit Box	0	60.00
Town Report	1,600.00	1,554.00
Office Equipment	100.00	100.00
Supplies	3,000.00	3,064.63
Video Taping	150.00	150.00
Postage	600.00	449.25
Publications	250.00	568.40
Registry of Deeds	50.00	86.96
Pager Service	200.00	178.74
Clean Up Day	50.00	49.50
Miscellaneous	200.00	203.26
Total	\$ 80,245.00	\$ 80,543.51

Deficit: \$298.51

MODERATOR		
Moderator	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Deputy Moderator	250.00	300.00
FICA	0	18.61
Medi	0	4.34
Miscellaneous	0	0
Total	\$ 365.00	\$ 422.95

Deficit: \$57.95

TOWN CLERK		
Salaries	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,962.26
FICA	1,235.00	1,134.74
Medicare	276.00	265.36
Convention	500.00	229.80
Training	0	15.00
Travel Reimbursement	0	75.40
Payment Record Book	100.00	120.00
Red Books	100.00	100.00
Dog Fees	1,000.00	1,175.35
Equipment Repair	100.00	52.00
Notices	50.00	0
Supplies	300.00	262.59
Postage	300.00	162.03
Dog Tags	200.00	223.88
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>62.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 23,261.00	\$ 23,840.41

Deficit: \$579.41

ELECTION & REGISTRATION		
Salaries	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 3,745.19
FICA	330.00	224.43
Medicare	77.00	54.65
Notices	86.00	171.60
Printing	600.00	336.38
Postage	10.00	38.14
Sound System	250.00	50.00
Booths	55.00	852.85
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>	<u>316.84</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,858.00	\$ 5,790.08

Surplus: \$1,067.92

VITAL STATISTICS		
Vital Records	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,132.00

Surplus: \$1,067.92

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS		
Trustee Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mileage	0	0

Postage	20.00	2.52
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,002.52

Surplus: \$117.48

AUDITING

Town Auditor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA	0	68.98
Medicare	15.00	16.15
Professional Audit	5,200.00	5,200.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>	<u>\$ 140.45</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,465.00	\$ 6,425.58

Surplus: \$39.42

ASSESSING

Salaries	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
FICA	267.00	241.03
Medicare	60.00	56.37
Training/Seminars	200.00	50.00
Travel	200.00	130.55
Maintenance Contract	1,200.00	1,200.00
MMC Clerical	350.00	0
State	200.00	0
Consultants	750.00	0
Supplies	200.00	156.29
Postage	600.00	332.32
Film and Processing	75.00	5.23
Dues	20.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>71.67</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,272.00	\$ 6,363.46

Surplus: \$1,908.54

TAX COLLECTING

Salaries	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 24,323.04
FICA	2,028.00	1,422.16
Medicare	453.00	332.60
Convention	500.00	584.82
Registry of Deeds	2,000.00	934.72
Software Support	675.00	668.00
Dues	35.00	0
Supplies	300.00	1,178.47

Postage	2,500.00	2,317.51
Training	0	100.00
Travel Reimbursement	0	64.28
Tax Bills	1,000.00	993.65
Research	2,500.00	2,641.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>5,402.69</u>
TOTAL	\$ 43,291.00	\$ 40,962.94

Surplus: \$2,328.06

TREASURER		
Salaries	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
FICA	325.00	322.40
Medicare	<u>73.00</u>	<u>75.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,598.00	\$ 5,597.80

Surplus: \$.20

LEGAL		
Legal Expense	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 9,053.02

Surplus: \$2,146.98

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Retirement	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 6,244.84
Health Insurance	46,000.00	50,445.23
Life Insurance	700.00	506.88
Dental Insurance	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,971.14</u>
TOTAL	\$ 57,400.00	\$ 63,168.09

Deficit: \$5,768.09

PLANNING		
Salary	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.05
FICA	280.00	253.80
Medicare	65.00	59.41
Training/Seminars	100.00	274.52
Consultants	200.00	0
Telephone	10.00	0
Applicant Assistance	2,400.00	2,400.00

Notices	125.00	0
Registry of Deeds	200.00	0
Map Update	200.00	0
Supplies	150.00	150.00
Postage	80.00	66.05
Postage - Reimbursed	50.00	(17.72)
Equipment	100.00	0
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>62.64</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,510.00	\$ 7,748.75

Surplus: \$761.25

ZONING

Salary	\$ 760.00	\$ 759.96
FICA	50.00	72.41
Medicare	15.00	16.95
Notices	0	41.25
Supplies	25.00	25.00
Postage	50.00	36.26
Postage - Reimbursed	0	(\$129.43)
Publications	100.00	0
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>47.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 869.40

Surplus: \$180.60

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Building Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 184.52
Testings	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,195.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,180.02

Surplus: \$819.98

CEMETERIES

Salaries	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,895.97
FICA	329.00	356.31
Medicare	77.00	83.30
Electricity	80.00	87.84
Leasing Equipment	795.00	794.22
Repairs	994.00	541.20
Fuel	250.00	150.00
Mileage	50.00	0
Mowing	75.00	133.50
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>	<u>175.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,217.81

Surplus: \$282.19

INSURANCE

NH Municipal	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 40,080.01
Workers' Comp	26,500.00	22,854.00
Unemployment Comp	1,600.00	1,828.63
Eaton Insurance	300.00	0
Deductible	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$ 71,400.00	\$ 64,762.64

Surplus: \$6,637.36

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Planning	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,578.00
NH Municipal	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,201.87</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,779.87

Surplus: \$20.13

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 164,539.00	\$ 173,099.77
COPS Grant Salary	21,377.00	22,066.30
FICA	2,133.00	2,527.45
Medicare	1,612.00	1,670.09
Retirement	4,597.00	4,193.99
Chief's Insurance	750.00	744.00
Uniform Cleaning	500.00	0
Telephone	4,590.00	5,333.16
Electricity	750.00	1,039.75
Heat	1,000.00	726.41
Supplies	4,000.00	4,735.62
Equipment	1,500.00	1,040.19
Clothing Allowance	5,100.00	3,260.28
Chief's Expense	800.00	345.00
Training	1,000.00	1,101.53
Seminars	200.00	0
Building Maintenance	2,360.00	358.42
Fuel	5,500.00	8,561.82
Radios	500.00	91.50
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000.00	1,929.38
Vehicle Tires	800.00	1,112.55
Miscellaneous	<u>500.00</u>	<u>(360.92)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 227,108.00	\$ 233,576.29

Deficit: \$6,468.29

AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Souhegan Valley	\$ 43,710.00	\$ 39,246.69

Surplus: \$4,463.31

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Salaries	\$ 22,125.00	\$ 21,414.00
FICA	1,372.00	1,203.66
Medicare	321.00	281.53
Telephone	1,200.00	896.53
Electricity	1,500.00	1,379.70
Heating	3,000.00	2,853.37
Copier Maintenance	400.00	107.50
Dues	800.00	650.71
Postage	25.00	41.77
Training	2,500.00	2,368.41
Prevention Programs	500.00	529.80
Radio Repair/Maintenance	500.00	282.44
Radio Replacement	14,275.00	15,378.80
Pager Service	1,300.00	1,210.25
Cleaning Expenses	500.00	419.65
Air Supply Maintenance	400.00	539.02
Tank & Flow Testing	400.00	62.00
Extinguisher Refills	500.00	285.15
Foam Replacement	500.00	72.45
New Equipment	2,500.00	1,908.55
Fuel	1,200.00	775.85
Vehicle Preventive Maint.	500.00	343.06
Vehicle Repair	1,000.00	880.60
Vehicle Maintenance	500.00	283.05
Hoses	3,000.00	2,988.00
Hazardous Material Equip.	987.00	0
Expendable Equipment	500.00	290.85
Building Maintenance	500.00	120.61
Forest Fire	4,000.00	3,905.61
Miscellaneous	0	693.01
TOTAL	\$ 66,805.00	\$ 62,165.93

Surplus: \$4,639.07

BUILDING PERMIT		
Salary	\$ 300.00	\$ 308.00

Deficit: \$8.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Telephone	\$ 0	\$ 614.69
Electricity	0	172.31
Heat	0	300.85
Postage/Envelopes/Paper	0	2.75
Furnance Cleaning	0	80.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>166.60</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,337.20

Deficit: \$137.20

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications	\$ 74,370.00	\$ 62,493.16
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Surplus: \$11,876.84

HIGHWAY

Salaries	\$ 127,555.00	\$ 130,656.33
FICA	8,000.00	7,695.09
Medicare	1,900.00	1,799.46
Uniforms	1,950.00	1,996.80
Drug & Alcohol Testing	500.00	348.70
Telephone	800.00	1,231.44
Communication Service	3,000.00	1,951.86
Communication Eqt/Repair	2,000.00	1,222.00
Weather Information	200.00	187.50
Pager Service	500.00	436.73
Electricity	1,500.00	1,520.45
Heat	1,000.00	1,266.92
Building Rental	3,000.00	334.95
Office Supplies	150.00	0
Pugmill	7,500.00	7,500.00
Reseal Roads	7,500.00	15,303.60
Crushed Gravel	5,000.00	5,000.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	2,052.50
Screening Subcontract	3,500.00	3,500.00
Paving Subcontract	2,145.00	13,483.73
Calcium Summer	7,000.00	7,000.00
Tree Removal Subcontract	500.00	112.00
Roadside Mowing Maintenance	3,000.00	3,672.00
Culverts	2,500.00	3,554.90
Salt	24,000.00	19,199.10
Sand Screening	3,000.00	1,800.00
Calcium Winter	2,500.00	2,500.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	308.82
Equipment Leasing	10,400.00	10,288.03
Equipment Rental	2,500.00	4,200.00

General Supplies	10,000.00	12,155.29
General Repair	20,000.00	20,287.74
Gas/Fuel	11,000.00	15,062.35
Capital Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tires and Service	3,500.00	3,359.28
Signs and Markers	1,000.00	1,115.61
Construction Sign/Markers	300.00	0
Safety Equipment	200.00	77.41
Vehicle Inspections	200.00	159.25
Delineator Posts	500.00	0
Guardrails	500.00	716.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	(439.99)
Insurance Deductible	0	1,868.46
TOTAL	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 307,484.31
Deficit:	\$22,484.31	

STREET LIGHTING		
Street Lights	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 24,491.99
Blinkers	0	1,184.57
TOTAL	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 25,676.56
Surplus:	\$1,323.44	

LANDFILL/RECYCLING		
Salaries	\$ 26,875.00	\$ 23,655.19
FICA	1,725.00	1,443.41
Medicare	400.00	337.74
Training/Seminars	200.00	100.00
Travel	100.00	25.53
Uniforms	500.00	500.00
Telephone	500.00	467.28
Dues	100.00	0
Building Maintenance	300.00	244.65
Electricity	1,000.00	1,035.40
Heat	500.00	0
Dispose of Tires	1,500.00	651.00
Equipment Maintenance	750.00	205.00
Equipment Leasing	7,200.00	7,200.00
Trucking Recyclables	500.00	175.00
Supplies	750.00	876.54
Loader Repairs	1,000.00	710.00
Fuel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Safety Equipment	200.00	14.01

Recyclable Transfers	200.00	0
Miscellaneous	200.00	184.92
Rodent Control	500.00	360.00
Hazardous Waste Day	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,075.05</u>
TOTAL	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 40,760.72

Surplus: \$6,739.28

HEALTH OFFICER		
Health Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00

Surplus: \$60.00

ANIMAL CONTROL		
Salaries	\$ 7,366.00	\$ 7,350.81
FICA	495.00	455.74
Medicare	116.00	106.59
Medical Prevention	500.00	60.50
State Lab	0	0
Humane Society	0	120.00
Pet Food	50.00	0
Supplies	75.00	156.64
Fuel	250.00	339.22
Dog Kennel	0	0
Vehicle Maintenance	250.00	12.38
Equipment	0	82.49
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u>138.60</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,102.00	\$ 8,822.97

Surplus: \$279.03

WELFARE		
Administrator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA	62.00	62.00
Medicare	15.00	14.51
Electricity	0	2,786.08
Heat	0	1,156.53
Food Vouchers	0	1,397.13
Shelter	0	17,991.75
Miscellaneous	<u>23,923.00</u>	<u>370.92</u>
TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,778.92

Surplus: \$221.08

PARKS & RECREATION

Salaries	\$ 22,750.00	\$ 24,071.78
FICA	1,415.00	1,468.47
Medicare	330.00	343.43
Electricity	2,500.00	2,676.01
Park Maintenance	2,195.00	840.83
Improvements	700.00	368.95
Telephone	400.00	886.67
Red Cross	900.00	408.00
Pool Maintenance	1,295.00	814.40
Equipment	300.00	276.59
Supplies	1,100.00	1,095.23
Open/Close Pool	1,500.00	903.19
Chemicals	2,250.00	1,209.40
Water	600.00	0
Miscellaneous	275.00	411.02
Basketball Program	2,000.00	657.11
TOTAL	\$ 40,510.00	\$ 36,431.08

Surplus: \$4,078.92

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 958.93
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Surplus: \$241.07

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Salaries	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.06
FICA	55.00	48.10
Medicare	13.00	11.27
Training/Seminars	200.00	200.90
Travel	50.00	50.00
Public Information	100.00	100.00
Printing	25.00	25.00
Dues	200.00	200.00
Supplies	100.00	66.49
Postage/Telephone	75.00	83.87
Books	50.00	0
Trails/Gates	400.00	400.00
Water Testing	200.00	330.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	130.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,293.00	\$ 2,420.69

Deficit: \$127.69

TREE WARDEN		
Postage/Telephone	\$ 25.00	\$ 0
Tree Maintenance	255.00	21.96
Tree Planting	1,160.00	1,104.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>11.52</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,137.48

Surplus: \$352.52

PRINCIPAL LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS		
Landfill Bond	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Pool/Fire Bond	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

INTEREST LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS		
Landfill Bond	\$ 9,685.00	\$ 9,685.00
Pool/Fire Bond	<u>2,145.00</u>	<u>2,145.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,830.00	\$ 11,830.00

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Surplus: \$9,336.11

TOTAL	\$1,273,853.00	\$1,248,994.67
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Surplus: \$24,858.33

WARRANT ARTICLES

<u>1994</u> Art.#	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>1/1/96</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>12/31/96</u> <u>Balance</u>
11	Landfill Water Testing	9,654.00	4,940.47	4,713.53
12	Landfill Engin. Study	2,581.14	540.00	2,041.14

<u>1995</u> Art.#				
14	Fire, Hepatitis B Shots	1,400.00	0	1,400.00
22	SVAS Repeater	4,392.10	1,633.01	2,759.09
23	Landfill Water Testing	5,000.00	0	5,000.00

<u>1996</u> Art.#				
8	Roads	82,030.00	82,030.00	0
9	Capital Reserve Funds	92,000.00	92,000.00	0
10	Health Services	10,361.00	10,361.00	0
11	Library	15,000.00	15,000.00	0
12	Fire Turnout Gear	10,000.00	10,000.00	0
15*	Highway Garage Roof	12,000.00	8,617.00	3,383.00
16	Pool Filter	3,750.00	3,750.00	0
17*	Basketball/Tennis Cts.	3,000.00	2,700.00	300.00
18	Landfill Water Testing	6,000.00	0	6,000.00
19	Cruiser Capital Reserve	919.00	919.00	0
20	Cemetery Mower	2,000.00	2,000.00	0

*Balance turned into General Fund

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1996 was a transitional year for the Town of New Ipswich. While the town budget was the highest in history, excluding warrant articles, three events occurred that spell fiscal restraint in the years ahead. First, the Finance Advisory Committee, after a year of practice, proposed a budget for 1997 approximately 10% less than in 1996; this budget was adopted by the Selectmen. Secondly, Jim Coffey's reelection to the Board of Selectmen coupled with his knowledge of town government, bodes well for the future. Thirdly, our new dispatch services, while providing apparently \$65,000 in savings per year to the town, also gives us better and more professional expertise in this area. It is unfortunate that this change was not accomplished years ago but the Communications Committee (Bonnie Packard, Tom Quarles, Jim Shildneck and Bob Boynton) is to be congratulated on a job well done.

On a sad note, Annabel Aldrich, who served the town in many capacities for a number of years, the last as Selectman, passed away on December 24th. This town report is dedicated in her memory.

In 1996 town property worth approximately \$85,000 was sold, will be rehabilitated and hopefully will be back on the tax rolls before the end of 1997. As I write this report the final sale of the 1808 House is being accomplished and also before the end of 1997 a refurbished 1808 House, with offices and shops, may be back on the tax rolls. An eyesore will be removed and the center of town will be a lovely looking place once again.

For 1997, we look forward to a final solution of the problems at the former S & A property on Route 124. Certain changes in State laws passed in 1996 regarding polluted sites may help bring a settlement on this vexing problem.

The tax rate went down a little in 1996 and, depending on the school budget, the same scenario is possible in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Hefler, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors welcomed two new members in 1996 and regretfully accepted the resignation of Scott Morris. The March elections saw Carol Bonner elected to the Board and in June the Board appointed Cathy Oczkowski to fill the vacancy created by Scott Morris' departure. Scott's dedicated service to the town of New Ipswich since 1989 is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Assessors started the tax year with the usual pickups of new, continuing construction and improved properties. After these properties were reviewed the Board continued its review of properties in its goal to achieve equity throughout the town.

Even though the tax rate in 1996 fell modestly, the tax burden continues to plague New Ipswich property owners. Due to changes in the state law, abatements for the 1996 tax year must be filed by March 1, 1997. Taxpayers who feel their assessment is inequitable should file an abatement. The Board of Assessors carefully review all abatement requests and encourages property owners with questions concerning their assessment to schedule an appointment to meet with the Board.

The Board of Assessors also asks all taxpayers unsure of inventory, intent to cut filings, current use regulations, elderly and disabled tax lien or elderly and veteran's exemption qualifications to inquire in the Assessors' office. If our secretary Joanne Meshna cannot fully address your concern, she will gladly schedule an appointment for you to meet with the Board.

The Board especially thanks Joanne Meshna, who serves many boards in New Ipswich, for her continued service to the Board of Assessors. Day-in day-out, she enthusiastically gives of herself in service to the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean P. Herrick, Chair

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As I do every year, I would like to thank the voters for their confidence and support at last year's town meeting. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

This past year a considerable amount of time was spent in dealing with juvenile problems both in and out of the school system. And with each juvenile problem we spend a considerable amount of time dealing with school officials, the juvenile and the parents. In most cases we strive to put the Mediation Program in place which has been and continues to be beneficial to many families. I hope this year you will again support the funding for this program.

In May, Cpl. Steven A. Duval was promoted to Sergeant at the Culmination Ceremony of the D.A.R.E. Program. Sgt. Duval is an outstanding officer in all aspects of his career. He is a definite asset to the Police Department and the town. The D.A.R.E. Program again was a success. For the 1997 year, the program is being instructed by Officer Keith Chauvette of the Greenville Police Department. Officer Chauvette was certified this year as a D.A.R.E. Instructor and he and Sgt. Duval will alternate in teaching the program each year. Anyone wishing to make donations to the program can do so by sending a check made payable to "D.A.R.E. New Hampshire" and writing "New Ipswich" under memo. The check should be sent to the New Ipswich Police Department, PO Box 439, New Ipswich, NH 03071.

In April, there was a major change in communications for the emergency services in this community which was decided by the Board of Selectmen. And with change, as we all know, there are pluses and minuses. It will take time to iron out any existing problems, but overall it has been a smooth process for our department. One of the unforeseen costs that was incurred to the 1996 budget that I would like to address is the telephone line item. With this change, our budget did not allocate costs which would be incurred with the new procedure which results in placing the office phone lines on call forwarding to the new dispatch center in Manchester after normal business hours and on weekends. Not only did we have to pay the call forwarding charge but the toll call to Manchester. Due to this expense, the Selectmen have now made the decision to have an answering machine pick up any phone call received into the police department after normal business hours on the 878-2771 line. The 878-3557 line will go unanswered if no one is in the office. We have found and heard that many of you are not pleased with this new procedure and I agree with you.

In November, myself along with Denise Lawler, Officers Kevin Squires, Michael Walker, Mark Krook, Shawn Lawler and Paul Sickles became certified in Adult and Child C.P.R. Officer Lou Chatel of

our department, who is a full time E.M.T./Field Training Officer for MedTrans New England, instructed the class.

In December, we had our Second Annual Toy Drive which again was coordinated by Officer Lou Chatel and Denise Lawler. This year was also a huge success thanks to the generosity of so many. We were able to deliver gifts to 27 families this year. We would not have been able to do it without all the toys and money donations received. Thank you so much for your kindness. This is the true meaning of Christmas!

I would like to inform you that the weekly police log which you read in the area newspapers is quite often edited and not all the news is put in the police log. It is my goal to start a monthly newsletter this year to keep you informed of the activities of the Police Department, as well as important information regarding criminal activity in the area that you may want to be aware of; also, to inform you of any new changes in the laws which may affect you along with helpful safety tips.

This year, as always, was a busy one and each year continues to get busier. I owe a big thank you to all the fine officers of my department who are always giving me 110% and are always there when I call upon them. I could not do the job without them. And a special thank you to our secretary, Denise, who keeps us all on our toes and who is a great public relations person for the Police Department. Most of you would have no idea of the amount of paperwork that comes across her desk in the course of the day. She puts in an awful lot of hours in doing things for myself and the men that go far beyond what you would expect from any employee.

I would also like to thank the area police departments and our town departments for their help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Raymond D. Brodley

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year saw the Fire Department complete another goal and that was to upgrade communication. This was done through a cooperative effort of many members and a group of citizens who helped evaluate needs both present and future. These were presented so that quality emergency dispatching would have minimal problems and upgrade present radio equipment. The plans outcome should take us into the new decade and beyond while working to reduce costs.

I would like to thank very much Monadnock Communications, Scott and Janet Quilty and their staff for the many years of dedicated service of emergency dispatching provided to the Fire Department.

We also have continued to upgrade and update levels of training, firefighter, hazardous materials, emergency medical services, and fire service management. This continued education will allow the team to better serve the customers. As always new firefighter training is an ongoing process.

Our public education program is growing all the time. This year saw New Ipswich Fire share fire safety knowledge with many children in our public schools and also into the home school network within our community. The "trendy" song "MACARENA" was transformed into a fire safety tune which got all the students, teachers and parents up and moving to the beat. With the tune on everyone's mind it showed it was well received!

We did see a slight decline in the number of emergency requests for assistances which I would like to think our fire safety messages are being put to the test. The rewards are lower fire losses.

The breakdown is as follows:

33	Automatic Fire Alarms	7	Fire Inspections
12	Smoke Checks, Investigations	2	Brush, Grass
28	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	Motor Vehicle Fires
10	Mutual Aid	7	Structure Fires
2	Medical Aid Assists	13	Chimney Fires, Furnace Problems
1	Rescue	37	Requests, Miscellaneous
2	Hazard. Materials Response		Emergency Type
4	Fire Drills		

REMEMBER: PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE . . . ANY EMERGENCY REQUIRING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIAL 911. IF A FIRE OCCURS, EVACUATE FIRST, MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY IS SAFE, CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 911. GIVE ALL INFORMATION NEEDED. STAY TOGETHER UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hewitt, Jr., Fire Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Fire protection of the forest and lands are just one of the many jobs performed by the local Fire Department. Each community monitors and records timber harvesting making sure proper taxes and fees are paid to the proper authorities. The New Ipswich Fire Department's main mission is responsible for the prevention and suppression of wild fires within the areas of our community.

Suppression speaks for itself, forest area, brush, and grass fires require "wet stuff on the red stuff." Prevention, however, is probably the most important. This comes in the way of carefully monitoring and issuing of burning permits to our residents. We tend to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of N.H. Forest and Lands fairly strictly. Although at times it does not meet the approval to some, we must work this way due to the wildland resource we do have in our community.

This year through the cooperation of the Federal Surplus Equipment System and the State of N.H., the Fire Department was able to obtain a newer all wheel drive vehicle for fire protection. The present 1968 unit will be disposed of and the, new to us, 1985 unit will be a department project to ready it for spring. In addition, the firefighters have received protective brush fire equipment in the form of flame retardent coveralls, helmets and goggles. This suit allows firefighters to wear over any style street clothing they may be wearing at the time of a call.

We are proud to report that the New Ipswich Fire Department had a representative participate in the large wild fires out in western United States. New Hampshire sent fire crews out west in a mutual aid program on the national level. Our own firefighter Meredith Lund volunteered for two weeks during the summer. She brought back information on large scale operations of wildland firefighting and the experiences received put into the fire education programs delivered within our schools.

For burning permit information or requests please call 878-1364, leave a message of your name, address, phone number and your call will be returned. For any emergency requiring the Fire Department DIAL 911.

Most of all enjoy your natural forests and lands. But be safe and be careful with open fires.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hewitt, Jr., Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

<u>Fires Reported by County</u>		<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hewitt, Jr., Forest Fire Warden
Bryan C. Nowell, Forest Ranger

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1996 has come and gone and I am satisfied with the results of another busy and productive year of daily duties and scheduled project completions.

The Department reclaimed and paved Playground Road and sections of Greenbriar, North and Poor Farm Roads.

Ditching, shimming, and chipsealing was completed on Greenville Road, Dark Lane Road, upper Ashby Road, Fox Farm Road and most of Temple Road.

Some other duties included installing crushed gravel and calcium on dirt roads, installing culverts, cutting roadside brush, ditching and cleaning culverts, patching, grading dirt roads, plowing and sanding, just to name a few.

The membrane roofing was replaced on the Highway Garage, which we are thankful of.

1996 ended with the retirement of Sulo Kolapakka from the Department. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him a great retirement. The Department, as a result, hired a new employee, Mark Tapplly, to work for us. Mark was hired primarily as a department mechanic and I am looking forward to professionalizing our inhouse repair work. Other employees still include Dana Lawrence, Paul Tibbetts, and Aaron Stacy and I thank them for a job well done.

Thank you to the other departments for help and cooperation when needed and thank you to the Selectmen and office personnel for their help and support.

The Department has been really concentrating on upgrading the road network over the last five years (yes, I have been here that long) and there has been steady progress aided with the support of you, the taxpayers. But the time has come to seriously concentrate effort on upgrading the Highway Department facilities. The Selectmen have been hanging their hat on the possibility of relocating to the former S&A building (or part of it) and I do not know if this will happen. I would like to have a facility that is big enough to store the equipment and trucks inside and to also have room to work on them.

I also never got the opportunity to ask for a structure to store winter sand and salt that I feel is needed. The Police Department Chief told us that we would get a building as a result of building a shooting range at the Landfill location. This did not happen, and I do not know if the possibility exists, but if the real

possibility does not exist, I want to pursue the construction of a building.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Saari, Road Agent

LANDFILL AND RECYCLING

Life at the landfill was not too exciting this year as there were not any major projects worked on and no uncommon events occurred.

Do not be surprised if major projects start getting into the limelight in the very near future as more and more facilities such as ours are being targeted for closure.

Recycling has been going fairly steady as usual with the exception of newspaper and paper products. The market had been very strong so we were able to truck the product without it costing money, but the market went way down and it would have cost a lot of money to recycle it, so we have started to landfill this product for now.

George Leel is still in charge at the landfill and other employees are Dave Packard and Sulo Kolapakka. Thanks to them for doing a good job.

In the past years I have been remiss in not mentioning the volunteers who contribute many hours per week organizing used clothes and miscellaneous household items at the Recycling area. Thanks to the main core of volunteers who are Eva Preedom, Shirley Niskala, Barbara Lehtonen, Bonnie Rautiola and Daphne Saari.

Many people drop off the used goods, and these items are sorted out and hung up in the trailer so that anyone looking for some good used clothing can easily find what they need. Everyone is encouraged to check out what is available and take what is needed for themselves or for others.

Because of overstock of clothes available, some of these clothes were donated to people in the Appalachia mountain area through the efforts of Warren Ojala who brought them out there. I heard there were great compliments from the people involved, saying the quality of the clothing was very good and much appreciated.

Thanks also to John Franks who donated lumber products for fixing up another trailer that will be used in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Saari, Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivision activity for 1996 continued at a slow pace. The Planning Board held 11 public hearings and 7 informational sessions. The Board also conditionally approved two small subdivisions. One application was withdrawn and three are pending. There were four lot mergers, whereby two lots owned by the same person were merged into one lot at the owner's request.

Ron Ilomaki and Jeff MacGillivray were elected for three year terms and Nat Ober was re-elected for an additional year, the unexpired portion of George Mollignano's term. Oiva Anderson, Don Carlson and Ed Morrill remain on the Board. Two citizens of the town have volunteered to be alternate members of the Board. They are John Buffington and Elizabeth Freeman. They were sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Board appreciates their interest in town affairs and their willingness to donate their time on the town's behalf. Joanne Meshna continues her able support of the Board as alternate member and secretary. It would be very difficult to do without her extensive knowledge and capable services.

The Board wishes to thank all the citizens of the town for their support in 1996. We hope our efforts continue to meet with your approval. As always you are welcome to attend any of our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We appreciate your suggestions and comments, which will always receive our attention and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Carlson, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During 1996 the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) received applications for five special exceptions and two variances. As of the end of the year, two special exceptions had been granted, one special exception had been withdrawn, two variances had been granted and two special exceptions were pending.

The ZBA now meets on the first Thursday of each month. As has been our policy in the past, we do consider requests for additional meetings, and where appropriate schedule them in order to meet the needs of the applicant. The cost of these additional, unbudgeted meetings must be paid for by the applicant. Contact Joanne Meshna at the Town Office during normal working hours to make appointments with the ZBA.

This year the ZBA accepted with regret the resignation of Jeanne Cunningham as a full time member and welcomed Sara Hefler to the Board. We have five full time members and one alternate. Anyone who is interested in serving as an alternate should contact either Joanne Meshna or the Selectmen for more information.

Also this past year Jim Shildneck, a long time member of the ZBA, moved to another town and resigned from the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for his long and selfless service to the Town of New Ipswich. Jim's honesty, integrity, open mindedness, and ability to disagree without rancor was a great asset to our town government. He is greatly missed. Without people like Jim our local government could not work

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Waite, Chairman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

During the summer of 1995, the Cemetery Trustees and the New Ipswich Historical Society co-sponsored a lecture about and tour of the town's three cemeteries. Hazel Moore, curator of the Historical society, gave a talk on the history of the town's burial grounds. Oiva Anderson, Patty Hoffman, and Susan Williams each led a tour of one of the cemeteries. As a result of the tours, attention was drawn to the condition of the Old Burial Ground on Porter Hill Road, and extensive work was done to improve the grounds adjoining the cemetery and the Old Town Pound. Mikko Salokangas and his crew cut brush and cleared the grounds. Tom Saari and the Highway Department put in culverts, upgraded Town Pound Road, and cleared an area for parking. Several people helped create a new gate for the entrance to the Old Burial Ground: Patty Hoffman provided the design; a pair of old hinges came from Bill Currier; the gate was built and hung by Ted Alton.

Bill Thoms was responsible for having signs made for all three cemeteries indicating the names of the cemeteries and the hours which they are open. The sexton has set signs at the Old Burial Ground and at the South Cemetery. In response to suggestions from Smithville residents, an additional sign was posted to make it clear that the South Cemetery is in fact in Smithville. The sign for the Central Cemetery will be hung at the entrance this summer. As planned, the fence at the Central Cemetery has been repaired, damaged grave markers have been reset, and brush has been cut. Mikko has found that mowing with the new commercial mower (authorized by the town last year) is more efficient and far faster; in fact he claims that at the present rate, the machine is putting him in condition for the Boston Marathon.

We are fortunate to have Mikko Salokangas as our Sexton, the assistance of Tom Saari and the Highway Department, and the support of town office staff. The trustees are looking forward to the celebration of the town's 250th birthday in the year 2000 and plan to have our cemeteries a point of pride for the town.

We invite your ideas and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
James Coffey, Chairman

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As many of you came to realize, getting your dogs licensed can be costly if you forget or neglect to do so by the end of April each year. Please see the Town Clerk before the deadline. There were 514 dogs licensed in 1996 which has increased from the total of 398 in 1995.

Watch for our annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic which will be held in April. Bring your cats and dogs to be sure they are protected against the rabies virus, as well as saving yourself some money. Remember: all cats and dogs must be inoculated against rabies!!

The following is a summary of calls received for 1996:

Complaints involving dogs	189
Animals kenneled	32
Complaints involving cats	31
Dogs struck by vehicles	8
People with dog bites	10
Order to abate the nuisance	11
Cats struck by vehicles	5
Animal abuse investigations	11
Animals to Humane Society	12
Animals tested for rabies	2
Missing dogs	32
Raccoon complaints	12
Missing cats	11
Injured animals	8
Cattle complaints	6
Missing geese	5
Horse complaints	6
Coyote complaints	3
Woodchuck complaints	3
Missing rabbits	2

Calls which required follow up investigations: 74

Miscellaneous complaints: 24

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Cain, Animal Control Officer

PARKS AND RECREATION

In March of 1996 a Recreation Committee was re-instituted. The Committee was formed as a liaison between the town Selectmen, the Recreation Director and town sponsored recreation programs. After appointing Tony Haigh as Chairman and Kevin Lennon as Secretary the committee moved right into the first issue on hand, the ice skating rink/basketball court at the Memorial Field. The committee addressed safety concerns and appropriate actions were undertaken. The committee is continuing to raise the funds needed to complete the project.

Under Grace Shaw's supervision and the invaluable commitment of the committee, Carolyn Mercer-McFadden, Sharon Rosenfelder, and Betsy Mersfelder, the town "Clean Up Day/Earth Day Celebration" was a great success. Twenty-seven roads totaling 36 miles were cleaned. In addition, 11 roads and 1 tree were adopted. Thank you Earth Day Community, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Conservation Commission, Tree Warden, Fire Department and Auxiliary and numerous towns people for your support.

During the summer the town tennis courts were resurfaced and new nets were put into place. These improvements seemed appreciated by the number of people that used the court. The basketball courts were once again extremely popular. The Recreation Committee has received requests to organize some form of team games and will work on it for the '97 season. Bud and Sue White took over the huge task of supervising the baseball & softball programs for the '96 season. Fourteen boys teams and 7 girls teams were constructed. Pool Director, Grace Shaw ran smooth and exciting pool programs again using the pool facility to the maximum. Brenda Salmonson once again did a super job with the soccer program. A successful soccer camp was organized for the first time and was followed by a coaches clinic in the fall. The program consisted of approximately 210 kids. Brenda extends a special thank you to all the volunteer coaches and invites more for next year to accommodate the growing number of soccer participants. A special thank you to our Mascenic Youth Basketball coaches who keep it together under the confusion of having no director. A new program was initiated to allow more boys and girls to enjoy playing in a supervised atmosphere. The Recreation Committee would like to offer their appreciation for all the efforts and dedicated hours put into all the above programs.

The New Ipswich Community Outreach Team launched and financed, through donations, the construction of an official sand volleyball court at the Memorial Field after numerous requests. One of our '97 goals is to help complete this project for the summer months.

Our big project of the year was to construct an Octoberfest to raise funds to support new recreation projects. The event was a

great success and 1,100 people enjoyed the various exciting events offered. This was a community effort which included the Police and Fire Departments, the PTA and countless individuals. Over \$2,000 was raised and a portion of the money has been used for a new pump and well for the skating rink. The balance will be used toward completion of the project. What a great feeling to see the community spirit and support at the Octoberfest.

Two fellow town residents, Tony Gautreau and Tom Saari, deserve our sincerest thanks for going above and beyond the call of duty with the help, support, and advice for many recreation projects throughout the year.

In August, our hard working, dedicated friend, Grace Shaw resigned after 5 years of unselfish work for the town of New Ipswich. Replacing Grace will be an extremely difficult job for the committee. We can't thank her enough for all she's done for the community. The Recreation Committee feels very strongly that the position of Recreation Director is a necessary one. Volunteerism is and should be the backbone of the recreation department, but there needs to be a paid individual to oversee and coordinate the volunteer efforts. The Committee agrees the small sum of money invested in a Recreation Director is paid back many fold in maintaining existing facilities and programs and in developing new ones. Many people in the community work hard to make our town an enjoyable place to live. Providing leadership can only benefit us all.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Haigh, Chairman

POOL

Another great season of fun and water safety was had at the pool this summer. We were fortunate to have a hard working friendly staff, eager to provide fun and safe programs for everyone. Our life guards this year were Jessamy Gautreau, Marcy Henault, Kendahl Lund, and Taina Maki. Life guarding and instructing were Selena Liubakka, Jessica Smith, Wanda Kuusisto, Cory Lund and Ben Cargill who finished his last season with us and will be greatly missed. I want to extend a special thank you to each of them for their dedication. As in the past, we were fortunate to have the privilege of our tremendous Water Safety Instructor's Aides who volunteered numerous hours to make our swimming lesson programs a success.

Again this year "user fees" were incorporated within the pool program to offset the pool budget by the people who utilize the facility. The fee was \$20.00 per family or \$15.00 per individual. Special arrangements were made for the families in need so no child was eliminated from the use of the facility. Swim lesson fees included the membership and as last year, there was no charge for senior citizens and out of town people paid higher fees. A combination of user fees and swim lessons fees brought in \$4,882.50 to help defer pool maintenance and other pool programs without raising taxes.

The pool area provided many activities for residents of all ages. Coaching the swim team this year were Selena and Cory assisted by Kendahl. The vigorous practices paid off with numerous wins throughout the season. The team showed great improvements by the summers end. Taina and Kendahl did a great job providing contests and field trips. Aquaerobics grew in popularity under the leadership of Jessica, Taina and Kendahl. A continuing success was our Friday night swims when we were open until 10:00 p.m. with water games and contests. And, for the adults that enjoy a quiet swim, adult lap swims were available at various times throughout the day.

The pool offers something for everyone. All residents are encouraged to stop by any time throughout the summer to see what is available for your specific interests. My thanks to all who got involved, encouraged and supported us in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Shaw, Pool Director

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The town faired well during the heavy rains on 20-21 October with a measured amount of 14 inches during the period. Some road washout did occur and flooding. The town received money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help in repairs.

Should you have to leave your home in an emergency you are asked to call the American Red Cross (889-6664) to find the location of the nearest shelter that is open. The shelter in New Ipswich is in Boynton Middle School. When going to any shelter you will need the following: bedding or sleeping bags for your family, baby food, and baby diapers, any medication for the family, adults should bring an extra pair of glasses. For entertainment: books, games (non-electrical). Keep important family papers in a water proof plastic bag. No family pets are to be brought to the shelter; leave them at home with food and water. The only exception to this are those animals that are used by special needs or disabled persons; then you must bring their food and eating and water bowls.

The Emergency Management office is seeking volunteers to be trained in first aid and shelter management. All training will be provided by the American Red Cross. Volunteers are needed to help with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which develops response procedures for a hazardous material incident. Volunteers are asked to call 878-4515 or the town office at 878-2772.

A copy of the town's Emergency Management Plan is in the Emergency Office, Town Office and Library.

Respectfully submitted,
William Edmonds, Director

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was observed on Sunday, May 19, 1996. Participation by local veterans was good as usual. The Mascenic Band participated in ceremonies in both Smithvillage and downtown. The American Legion Post #4 from Keene participated in the downtown parade.

Our guest speaker for the ceremonies at Center Cemetery was Dennis Fournier, former American legion Post #13 Commander in Greenville.

Respectfully submitted,
William Edmonds, Director

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

1996 requests for assistance were once again consistent with the previous years. Reimbursements were approximately \$4,000.00 through direct payments or working at the landfill. Most of the requests were for direct housing or utilities with very few other needs overall. Once again I urge people with specific needs to contact the Town Office prior to becoming an emergency situation as it makes it much easier for everyone

Respectfully submitted,
George Lawrence, Welfare Officer

BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

Forty-four building permits were issued for additions, alterations and new construction in 1996. We still have the problem of construction prior to contacting the office or the issuance of a permit. The Certificate of Occupancy has worked well with very few minor problems for the first year. Beginning in 1997 an actual permit will be posted in a conspicuous place to eliminate the continued telephone question by neighbors, abutters or interested citizens regarding whether a permit has been granted. Applications and information may be obtained at the Town Office or by calling 878-2772 during regular office hours.

Respectfully submitted,
George Lawrence, Building Permit Officer

BOARD OF HEALTH

There were very few requests for health inspections with most involving kindergartens/preschool and septic complaints which were done in cooperation with the state. The Board of Health would like to thank the citizens for their cooperation in 1996.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen/Board of Health

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The purpose of your Conservation Commission is to insure the "proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the said city or town" (RSA 36-A). The commission's activities are directly related to this purpose. Its activities for 1996 are summarized below:

January Members began construction of a trail on the Rhoads' Conservation Easement. Trailheads are located at Mill Street and Furnace Brook Falls on Route 124.

 The commission and the Harris Center for Conservation Education co-hosted a snowshoe trip on the Rhoads' Conservation Easement. Signs of coyote, moose, otter, fox, mink and deer were observed.

 The design and contents of a commission brochure were discussed. The brochure will highlight conservation lands and walking trails.

 The Health Officer was informed that the commission will begin water testing of the town's streams.

 The Southwest Region Planning Commission will produce maps of town conservation land. The maps will be color coded to highlight state, town and private conservation lands which are managed by the commission.

 The Board of Selectmen asked the commission to make a recommendation on a citizen's request for a waiver of the state laws regarding their septic system. The commission recommended that state laws and standards be adhered to.

February Members agreed to name the trail on the Rhoads' easement the "Furnace Brook Trail."

 A method for the testing of the streams was discussed. It was agreed to use state guidelines in analyzing the results.

 The commission agreed it should notify the citizens about the potential health hazards associated with the former Seppala and Aho property.

 Based on engineering reports, the commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the septage pit at the landfill be closed because of its affect on groundwater.

March The Board of Selectmen sponsored a warrant article to see if the town wants to acquire the former Seppala and Aho property. Because of hazardous waste on the site, the Conservation Commission has recommended an amendment to the article as follows: "No agreements, contracts or other documents may be signed, and no money may be appropriated until the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Resources, issues a Site Closure document."

The commission chairman spoke to the Environmental Science class at Mascenic High School. He informed them of the commission's role in the community and discussed some of the projects the commission is currently involved in.

April Preliminary plans were discussed for creating a trail on the Class VI town road known as Whirlpool Road.

May Members made an inspection tour of the Nussdorfer Nature Area. The elevated walkway through the swamp and the beaver pipe were in good condition. However, the foot bridge across the outlet from Hoar Pond was damaged by a tree which fell on it. A work day was scheduled.

The commission agreed there should be a fee for the use of the town's septage lagoon and this fee should be put into an escrow account that could be used to close the lagoon. A recommendation was sent to the Selectmen.

The owner of the Barrett Farm in Mason gave a report on the results of soil tests taken at the hay fields on the town-owned conservation property. He said the fields should be limed and fertilized and that the trees along the edge of the fields should be cut. He was asked to submit a management plan to the commission.

The chairman reported on his visit to Mascenic High School in April. He said he was enthused by the number and quality of questions which the students asked. He suggested there should be more joint projects between the commission and the schools.

The Boy Scouts informed the commission they would like the use of some conservation land for educational and recreational purposes. The commission agreed it was a good idea and took it under advisement.

June The commission reviewed a list of private land which is in recreational current use. Members agreed to visit the properties to insure they are not posted. By state law,

land in recreational current use cannot be posted and must be open to the public for hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, nature observation and other recreational activities.

Members discussed which watersheds would be tested first and which streams within the watersheds would be tested. Also discussed was the commission's desire to formally request access to private property during the testing. The Planning Board representative to the Conservation Commission asked the commission to identify any streams that should be added to those already protected by the Shoreland Protection Act.

July Several members did brush cutting on the Furnace Brook Trail and installed some trail markers.

Commission members inspected a site where a number of septic problems have been reported.

August Members attended a field trip to land managed by the commission. The purpose of the trip was to familiarize new members with the property they have responsibility for managing and protecting.

September The commission discussed legal and management aspects of acquiring a parcel of historic land in one of the town's villages.

The commission discussed the acquisition of property near the center of town. The town would receive the land at no cost and it would become conservation property, available for use by the public.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment notified the commission of a request for variance from the Shoreland Protection Act for the purpose of erecting a building. The building would not have a septic system. The commission recommended that if the variance is approved, the deed to the property should reflect the variance and its restrictions. The variance was approved by the ZBA and it included the commission's recommendations.

October Members repaired the bridge at the Nussdorfer Nature Area and the Highway Department spread gravel and crushed stone on the parking area.

The fifth annual Conservation Commission walk was held on October 12 at the Rhoads' Conservation Easement. There was both a morning and afternoon session with over fifty people attending.

November A bridge constructed by the high school students was washed down the Souhegan River by recent high water. Both sections of the bridge were found intact, but they will require a tractor to haul them out of the river and back to their original location.

A tree fell across the Nussdorfer Nature Area bog walk and will need to be repaired.

Two wetland applications have been reviewed by the commission. The commission intervened on both of them and will forward its recommendations to the state.

Members conducted water testing in Smithville and Center Village. Testing was performed for E. coli, conductivity and dissolved oxygen. The results will be reported in the future.

Members attended the annual New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions meeting in Concord. They attended workshops on wetlands and management of conservation lands.

December Commission members, with the aid of a tractor, hauled the previously mentioned bridge sections back to their original sites. They will be put back in place in the spring.

Plans were announced for a March 2nd snowshoe trip at the Nussdorfer Nature Area. It will be co-hosted with the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Members reported they are evaluating the results of the latest round of water testing and will report on them in the near future.

A pending zoning variance was approved by the Zoning Board with the provision the Conservation Commission and the State Wetlands Board approve the wetlands application.

The commission agreed to place a warrant article before the town. The article addresses water testing in the central village and is in direct response to a survey of citizens conducted for the town's Master Plan.

A citizen made a request to use conservation land to conduct private enterprise. All members agreed this would be an inappropriate use of town land.

The Conservation Commission would like to thank the citizens of New Ipswich for their ongoing support. It invites you to attend one of its monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month or to contact one of the commissioners listed on page 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Boynton, Chairman

TREE WARDEN

As Acting Tree Warden, I have been responsible for those trees planted by the town since 1991. I spent a busy summer watering trees trying to keep up with the drought. Each year the town needs to plant trees. These trees are an investment for New Ipswich and a gift to future generations.

Last summer, State Forester Mary Reynolds came to New Ipswich to consult with Valera Nichols and me regarding the health of our community trees. Forester Reynolds examined our past five year's worth of plantings. She observed that the majority of our trees were in fairly good health. Several trees, however, were just not taking. Of specific concern were the Brioti Horsechestnuts along Main Street in front of Center Cemetery and the Rivers Purple Beech at Memorial Park. According to Reynolds, the trees' decline was due in part to the stress from the previous summer's drought. Reynolds recommended their removal. To improve our other plantings, she suggested a professional pruning. In October, the town hired an arborist to prune and fertilize those trees.

In 1997, I hope to plant seven Sugar Maples--five at Smithville Cemetery along Binney Hill Road and two at Center Cemetery. Additionally, I would like to replace the Rivers Purple Beech at Memorial Park. Each new tree will need a Tree Guardian. A tree guardian is a volunteer who waters and weeds a town tree throughout its growing season. Thank you in advance to Marcia Ober and to Bill Hefler for volunteering to become Tree Guardians in 1997. The town will need six more volunteers. If you would like to help, please give me a call. Thank you to State Forester Mary Reynolds and to all those individuals who have supported our community trees.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rosenfelder, Acting Tree Warden

NEW IPSWICH LIBRARY

This year the New Ipswich Library marked its one hundredth year in service to the people of our town. On behalf of the other trustees, staff and volunteers, I would like to thank you for your continued interest and support of our mission

Our warrant article request is for \$15,000, an amount equal to last year's funding level. This appropriation is necessary for us to maintain present programs and services.

Although we continue to operate on a part time basis, we have full time obligations. A major challenge each year is to provide library services to the Mascenic District which does not provide these services at the elementary level. Additionally we assist preschool and home school programs in the community, and provide a public meeting place to other groups and communities--at no charge--throughout the year. Our patrons or cardholders now number 1,380, and our collection holds over 15,000 volumes.

We have continued our Saturday morning hours and are open five days a week (Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon).

We encourage any of you who have not made a visit to us recently to stop in and see what we have to offer, and as usual we invite your comments and suggestions.

New Ipswich Library Board of Trustees: Paula Girard, Harvey Green, Richard Hall, Diane Kangas, Jade Klein, Sharon Rosenfelder, John Sterrett, Kitty Waitt and Greg Hanselman.

Thanks again for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Hanselman, President

SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

1996 has been a year of progress and improvement, and also one in which we have realized how many new challenges are being presented to the survival of volunteer organizations such as ourselves. As we move towards the turn of the century ever more advanced technologies are devised for emergency services and these advances are bought at ever higher and higher costs.

At the start of the year we changed over communications systems and are now firmly established with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

SVAS purchased five defibrillators this year. We used as our model the Gold Cross Ambulance Service Study from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. According to their study police cruisers all over the nation tend to arrive at the scene before the ambulance. Since to be of any use at all a difib has to be utilized within the first six minutes, it is vital that a qualified first responder properly equipped be on the scene as fast as possible.

In order to meet these criteria in our particular geography, we bought three portable semi-automatic Vivalinks to be placed in each of the towns we serve. In both New Ipswich and Greenville, they are carried in the police cruisers, thereby guaranteeing the fastest possible response time. In Temple, where the cruiser is not always in town, the difib is stored at the fire station and any one of the first responders on duty can retrieve it and get to the scene well in advance of the ambulance itself.

We also have provided two fully equipped physiocontrol difibs for the back of the ambulances. These have the capacity to monitor cardiac function and to download information into hospital systems if required. We also purchased a pulsoximeter for each ambulance.

We have ten OSHA approved jumpsuits for our attendants and hope in the coming year to equip every volunteer with the full outfit required.

We held several training courses in 1996, including Basic EMT course, a Driving Course, Transition Recertification Course, Defibrillator Course, Basic CPR Course and the Kinetics of Trauma.

It is our intention in the coming year to offer basic CPR and choking courses to all of our residents. Statistics show that most "Saves" in emergency situations happen in the first five minute after the event. If ordinary citizens have enough information or training not to panic and to be able to provide basic life support until a trained EMT arrives, the patient has the highest chance of survival.

In our region there is a strong move towards charging for services and SVAS is determined to do what is best for our community. We had a call volume in 1996 of 338 which represented 370 patients. Forty-four calls were from Temple, 175 from New Ipswich and 147 from Greenville. Our community includes approximately 7,000 people and until now ambulance service has been provided at a cost of \$10.33 per person. We currently have two ambulances, fully outfitted with all modern requirements for emergency service. We have 26 fully trained EMTs, which includes 7 EMT Intermediates and 1 Paramedic. No person either on the Board or serving on calls is paid, nor are they compensated for personal expenses. Our group has been happy and proud to donate these services to our community. However, medical care and expenses are changing drastically and many feel we need to change the way emergency care is funded.

To this end, we are participating in studies on charging and networking with our neighboring services to gather as much information as possible. We hope to meet the changing needs both of the community we serve and the changing requirements of emergency care.

SVAS has a long history of providing excellent emergency care to all three towns and we hope to increase the cooperation of our towns, coordinate with all first responder groups to guarantee the best possible care for our citizens at the fairest cost.

We would like to thank the many people who responded to our needs and supported us throughout the year. We look forward to a safe and healthy 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Hewetson, Chairman of the Board

FINANCIAL REPORT - 1996

OPERATING FUND

Balance: January 1, 1996	
Checking	\$11,223.44

Receipts:

Interest	\$ 467.02
Miscellaneous	1,277.00
Greenville	21,160.40
New Ipswich	39,246.69
Temple	11,692.92
Repeater - Greenville	880.46
New Ipswich	1,633.01
Temple	<u>486.53</u>

Subtotal	\$76,844.03
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Expenditures:

Ambulance Supplies	\$ 3,738.77
Oxygen & O2 Supplies	534.51
Ambulance Equipment Repairs	12.00
New Radios	1,050.00
Radio Repairs	1,457.60
Communications	18,365.62
Cellular & Pagers	1,279.51
Dues & Publications	30.00
Insurance	13,218.00
License & Application Fees	50.00
Office Expense	1,138.53
Professional Services	3,595.70
Education	8,028.44
Travel & Trip	0
Electricity	1,051.42
Gas (Propane)	2,252.49
Telephone & Answering	1,290.20
Vehicle Repairs	1,965.30
Vehicle (Gas & Oil)	1,243.44
OSHA Requirements Compliance	2,837.00
Building Maintenance	531.61
Petty Cash	<u>200.00</u>

Less Operating Expenses	\$64,302.14
Less Transferred to Equipment Fund	<u>9,600.00</u>

Balance: December 31, 1996	\$14,165.33
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EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance: December 31, 1996	\$66,791.18
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MONADNOCK FAMILY SERVICES

As you know, Monadnock Family Services is active in your community providing quality mental health services to all residents who need them regardless of their ability to pay.

Monadnock Family Services is requesting financial support to help underwrite services we provide to uninsured and underinsured individuals in New Ipswich. We are asking for an amount equal to \$1 per capita based on figures from 1993 population estimates from the NH Office of State Planning. For New Ipswich, this amounts to \$4,021.00. We work continually to keep our costs down, and to identify, whenever possible, alternate sources of funding for this population. As a result, our requests to towns have remained unchanged since 1990.

The support you have provided to Monadnock Family Services in the past is deeply appreciated, and we hope that our partnership in caring for the citizens of New Ipswich will continue with the incorporation of this request in your town's budget. In light of the current pressures and challenges we all face as town administrators, helping professionals and private citizens, it is more important than ever that we work together for the health and well-being of our communities.

Lee Bruder
Director, Eastern Region

SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commission, with a service area covering 35 municipalities in Hillsborough and Cheshire Counties, is one of New Hampshire's nine regional planning agencies established by RSA 36. We continue to provide planning related assistance to member communities and to represent the Southwest Region in state and federal programs. Our diverse work program covers activities such as local planning assistance, geographic information systems and mapping, transportation planning, community development block grant administration, and natural resources planning. We are funded through multiple sources including local dues contributed by member municipalities. For every dollar of local dues, the Commission's operating budget includes over four additional dollars to assist in meeting the needs of the Region and its municipal members. These additional funds are provided in the form of various federal, state and local grants and contracts. These resources provide the Commission the ability to assemble a critical mass of expertise which you have direct access to.

Highlights of Commission activities for the past year include the development of a 10-year Transportation Improvement Program for the Southwest Region; award of a federal grant to provide education and coordination among the Region's municipalities concerning proper disposal of toxic wastes; preparation of a document and process to promote natural resources planning; and participation in sponsoring several educational forums on planning related topics. As you know, we continue to provide technical assistance to the Town Planning Board on a regular basis. In addition, we have recently been awarded a modest grant to allow us to provide economic development planning assistance to our member municipalities.

Thank you for your continued support of the Commission. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Timothy P. Murphy
Executive Director

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

In 1996, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of New Ipswich. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1996. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1996 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>SERVICES OFFERED</u>	<u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u>	<u>SERVICES SUPPORTED PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY BY THE TOWN</u>
Nursing	256 Visits	15 Visits
Child Health Nursing	3 Visits	3 Visits
Continuous Care Nursing	2605 Hours	0 Hours
Physical Therapy	24 Visits	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	1 Visit	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	5 Visits	0 Visits
Medical Social Work	4 Visits	2 Visits
Outreach	0 Visits	0 Visits
Nutritionist	1 Visit	1 Visit
Home & Community Based Care*	901 Hours	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	483 Visits	61 Visits
Homemaker	282 Hours	249 Hours
Adult In-Home Care	3 Hours	0 Hours
Child Health Program	8 Children	8 Children

*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Serviced: 27

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1996 with all funding sources is projected to be \$142,139.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 1997, we recommend an appropriation of \$4,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

We thank you for your past support of your senior population as we worked together to promote and prolong wellness for them.

We have 15 unduplicated persons residing in the town of New Ipswich. Of these 0 are low income sponsored by the County of Hillsborough. We struggle to hold our cost, and since 1992 have held the line at \$65 per client served.

We have:	15	Unduplicated People
	<u>-0</u>	County Sponsored
	15	Seniors

Total	<u>x\$65.00</u>	
	\$975.00	Requested Funding

We have seen an increase in the number of people requesting the hot and nutritious daily meals that we provide. For many of our participants, our driver is the only person they see all day; therefore, the daily safety check that we perform is as important as the meal. Continued support from the Town of New Ipswich will help us to keep your seniors safe in their homes.

Meghan Brady
Executive Director

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE MARRIED</u>
Feb 23	Timothy R. Lind II Jennifer L. Leger	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
Apr 13	Clinton John Parhiala Mary Bea McGrail	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Apr 19	Raymond Francis Guislain Dawn Elva Castelot	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Wilton
May 18	Joshua Mark Salmonson Rachel Tina Richard	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Jaffrey
Jun 01	Peter John Kelleher Virginia Jean Fogg	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Jun 08	Andrew Joseph Hoyt Barbara Anne Lam	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Jun 15	Eric Antoine Maillet Michelle Danielle Rivard	New Ipswich Temple	Wilton
Jun 16	Jeffrey Alan Parkkonen Bonnie Lou Aho	Greear, SC Greear, SC	New Ipswich
Jun 22	Aaron Anthony St. Martin Karen Lois Sikkila	Yacolt, WA New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Jun 22	Erik Jason Thibault Amy Cheryl Bergeron	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Greenville
July 13	Joel David Sikkila Jennifer Marie Krook	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
July 14	David Andrew Gedenberg Tammy Lee Holombo	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Aug 24	Erich John Mittleider Lori Katrina Goulding	New Ipswich Greenville	Milford
Aug 24	Joseph R. Stanislaw Andrew Marie Ricciardi	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich

Sept 07	Thomas Benjamin Lakanen Donna Roberta Fisk	New Ipswich Greenville	New Ipswich
Sept 07	Matthew James Somero Kate Ann Motuzas	New Ipswich Rindge	Rindge
Sept 28	Richard Philippe Cahoon Sadie Gibson Franklin	New Ipswich Jaffrey	Goffstown
Oct 05	Derek Eino Cooper Shawna Beth Krook	Rindge New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Oct 04	Victor Hugo Rodriquez Maria Milagros Santiago	Fitchburg, MA Fitchburg, MA	New Ipswich
Oct 12	William Philip Tremblay Cathy Janelle White	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Oct 22	Stanley Joe Davis Glenna Lynn Millen	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Oct 27	Carroll Mark Lefebvre Alyson Jeanene Trempe	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Nov 09	Michael Henry Stacy Laura Ann LaVair	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Nov 15	Richard Willis Thibeault Paula Rose Hamel	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
Dec 07	Jethro Martin Seppala Carla Mae Vaillancourt	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>FATHER/MOTHER (MAIDEN)</u>
<u>1995</u>		
Jan 02	Gordon Douglas Wayrynen	Randy G. Wayrynen Christine T. Combes
Jun 08	Ashley Lynn Traffie	Wayne W. Traffie Rhonda E. Goddard
Jun 23	Sarah Ann McInerney	Sean P. McInerney Kathleen J. Lynch
<u>1996</u>		
Jan 02	Lindy Marie Sikkila	David Sikkila Brenda Somero
Jan 06	Norman Henry Descoteaux III	Norman Descoteaux Jr. Sheryl Hopkins
Jan 22	Kaylee Beth Bertram	Dean Bertram Martha Somero
Jan 24	Lacey Dale Stevens	Matthew Stevens Alison Saari
Jan 24	Misty Anne Seppala	Juha Seppala Kathryn Chase
Jan 24	Marla Kathleen Seppala	Juha Seppala Kathryn Chase
Feb 01	Cassandra Carol Daisy	Timothy Daisy Christine Bocian
Feb 15	Andrew David Gedenberg	Daniel Gedenberg Jodie Thibault
Mar 06	Rachel Marie Bobek	Ronald E. Bobek Lisa Marie Lombardi
Mar 24	Vanessa Joy Veilleux	Timothy M. Veilleux Amie K. Haavisto

Apr	01	Cheyenne Adele Sauvola	Lyle A. Sauvola Jennifer Stevens
Apr	01	Briana Leigh Nelson	Daniel R. Nelson Kristen M. Perry
Apr	11	Sarah Roberts Sharp	Douglas B. Sharp Tara L. Roberts
Apr	11	Angela Margaret Somero	Kevin B. Somero Nancy J. Seppanen
Apr	18	Jeremy Thomas Gaissl	John Thomas Gaissl Nancy Lynn Chandler
May	04	Connor James McDermott	James M. McDermott Maria Del Pila Padilla
May	08	Rachel Ann Somero	Ethan Allan Somero Heidi Kay Olin
Jun	09	Nicole Maureen Sharpe	Daniel M. Sharpe Barbara Jane Burnette
Jun	11	Allyson Haley Boyd	James Gary Boyd Sandra Gail Keck
Jun	16	Anikka Brooke Seppala	Walter G. Seppala Susan Mary Koistinen
Jul	06	Seth Walter Deschenes	Richard A. Deschenes Sr. Jean M. Marios
Jul	06	Thomas Todd LeBlanc	Todd Thomas LeBlanc Claudette M. LeBlanc
Jul	27	Ariana Leigh Holmes	Raymond L. Holmes Jr. Deborah A. Hartford
Aug	09	Kevin Daniel Godin	Leo Gerard Godin Jr. Tammy Lynn Langille
Aug	22	Luke William Moran	Wayne William Moran Laura Ann Howard
Sept	12	Quentin Isaac Parhiala	Clifford A. Parhiala Cynthia L. Kolapakka
Sept	16	Jairus Daniel Aho	Bruce Arvi Aho Rebecca F. Somero

Oct	13	Kylee Kara Traffie	Carl Michael Traffie Kara J. Seppala
Oct	22	David Robert Stalbird	John Richard Stalbird Susan Joyce Jones
Dec	15	Derrick Paul Pease	Levi Larue-Pease Cherie Ann Aho
Dec	21	Noelle Anna Sands	Adam Charles Sands Wendy Ann LeBlanc
Dec	31	Cyrus Daniel Coponen	David Matthew Coponen Julie Mae Somero

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Jan 30	Ernest Magnusson	86	Marlborough, MA
Feb 02	Ebba Eileen Becker	89	Peterborough
Mar 05	Elton Dwinal Ricker, Sr.	86	New Ipswich
Mar 25	Patricia Ann Thayer	61	New Ipswich
May 08	Aili Maria Gregory	80	Peterborough
May 09	George William Hopkins	70	Peterborough
Jun 01	Eleanor Deloris Castonguay	64	Peterborough
Jun 03	Elna D. Hobbs	93	New Ipswich
Jun 19	Eugene Henry St. Pierre	66	Peterborough
Jul 07	Florence Mildred Pajanen	75	New Ipswich
Aug 04	George Patrick Lanthier	86	New Ipswich
Sep 11	Wilfred G. Brouillet	76	New Ipswich
Oct 02	Helen Sheldon Broderick	89	Peterborough
Oct 04	Leo Verner Toko	85	New Ipswich
Oct 09	Percy Edwin Davidson	96	New Ipswich
Oct 26	Richard John Givens	55	New Ipswich

**BURIALS IN SACRED HEART CEMETERY, CENTER CEMETERY
OR SMITHVILLE CEMETERY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Jan 10	Robert Elof Somero	65	Fitchburg, MA
Jan 15	Emerick Joseph Lamontagne	94	Peterborough
Jan 19	Hazel Marie Boulay	89	Keene
Jan 24	Jasmine Raymond		Peterborough
Jan 30	Felix Alton	75	Peterborough
Feb 14	Mary Anna Duval	77	Peterborough
Apr 28	Yvon Leger	86	Peterborough
May 05	Clairina Fournier	82	Nashua
May 18	Lillian Elizabeth Todd	93	Peterborough
Jun 15	Jacqueline Blanche Robichaud	67	Peterborough
Aug 17	Louise Lowell	70	Nashua
Sep 09	Brandon John Kuusisto	20	Ashby, MA
Oct 12	Lea Paradis	98	Greenville

